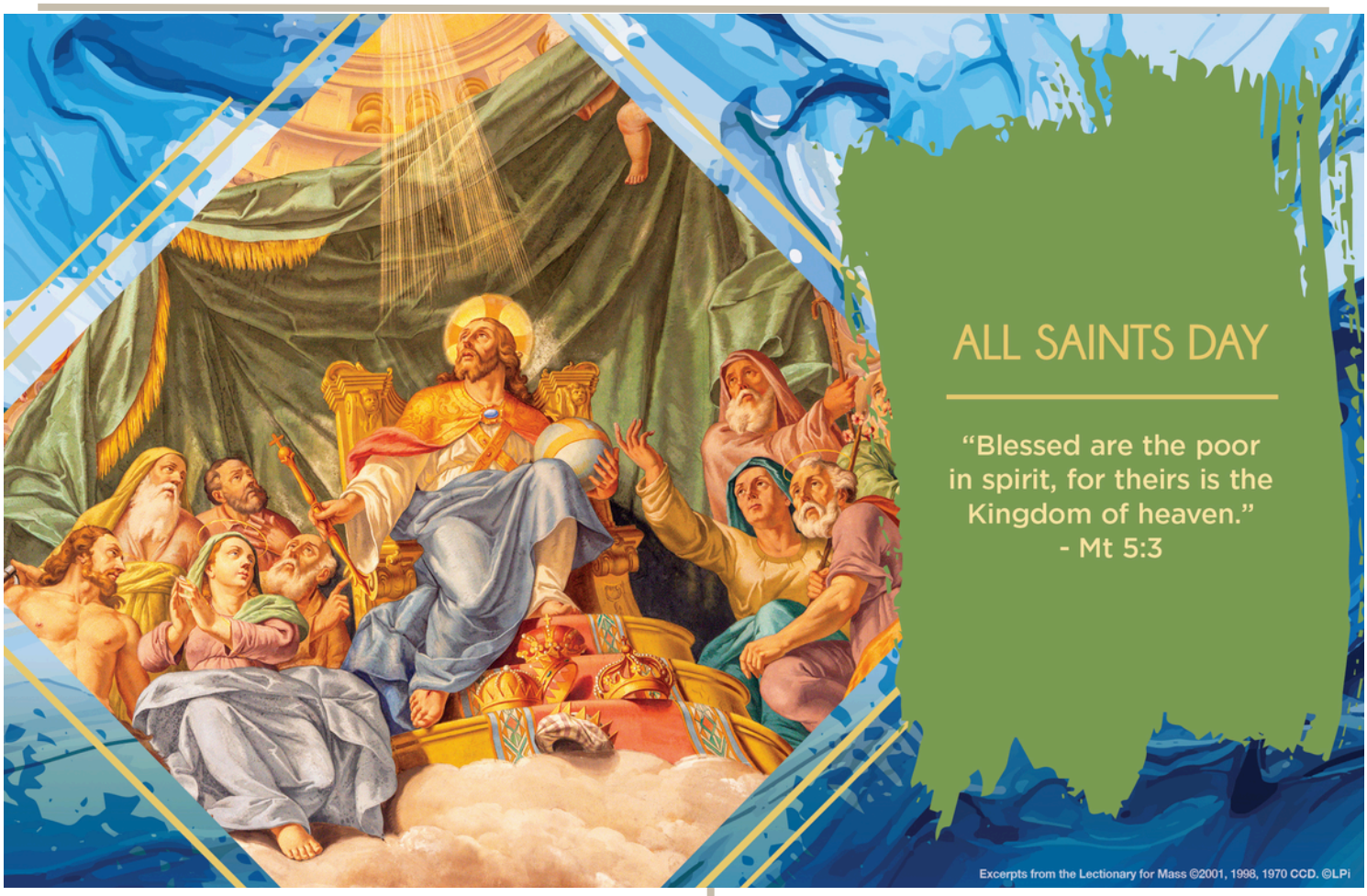
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday
8:00am, 5:00pm
Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

CONFESSION

Tuesday
7:00-8:00pm
Saturday
4:00-4:45pm

WEEKDAY

Monday
7:45am
Tuesday
7:45am
Wednesday
7:45am
Thursday
7:45am
Friday
7:45am

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

We're so glad you're here!

Whether you are joining us for the first time or are part of our parish family, we pray that you feel welcomed and encouraged as we pray together.

May you experience God's presence, find encouragement in His Word, and leave renewed in faith and hope.

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WELCOME!



MASS INTENTIONS

MON., NOV. 2: All Souls' Day

7:45am Ellen Krebs, req. by George & Agnes Stutsky
Jose Miguel & Israel Illescas

TUES., NOV. 3

7:45am Msgr. Andy Varga, req. by Rita Golaszewski

WED., NOV. 4: St. Charles Borromeo

7:45am Intentions of All Our Parishioners

THURS., NOV. 5

7:45am Rosalba & Michelangelo Rizzo, req. by the Conlon Family

FRI., NOV. 6

7:45am Dorothy & Gerard Foye, req. by the Tharrington Family
7:00pm Mass or Remembrance

SAT., NOV. 7

8:00am Barbara Buczek, req. by Ginette & Joe McCloskey

5:00pm Rosalba & Michelangelo Rizzom req. by Maria Rizzo

SUN., NOV. 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Evelyn Gribbin, req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell

9:00am Richard Blessey, req. by the Hart Family

11:00am Tim McCloskey, req. by family

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

For those in need of God's healing, strength, and comfort. Please scan the QR code to share a prayer intention or pray for those in need.

PASTOR NOTE

The Gospel reading from Saint Matthew this Sunday ends with Jesus telling his followers that whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. This is a very powerful sentiment from the words of our Savior, especially as we gaze upon the crucifix.

We read in Paul's letter to the Philippians this week: "Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and being born in the likeness of man". A beautiful reflection exercise would be to commit this verse to memory and reflect upon it slowly as you look upon our Savior on the cross. How could Jesus' love for us be so selfless. What could mankind have possibly done to deserve such a love. The answer is nothing. His love for us is divine.

Insofar as the St. Joseph Memorial Garden, we continue to make progress. As of this week, we are halfway to our goal of 100 niches reserved to begin moving forward with the project. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, the early reservations will provide the funding we need to build the wall itself. We cannot begin to move into the construction phase until we have enough niches reserved. So if you are considering participating in the memorial garden, be sure to stop by the narthex after Mass for more information.

Father George O'Neill



Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of Eugene Golaszewski, at the request of the Treasury Ministry

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, Nov 01, 2026
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
Holiness starts here
In Sister Wendy's Book of Saints, art historian Sister Wendy Beckett writes about us: "Holiness can so easily appear as something remote from us, to be read about or . . . gazed at, but from afar. Yet to be a saint is a wholly practical and realistic growth into our own truth. It is what we are all meant to become, it is our deepest fulfillment, our own personal realization of what we have been potentially from birth. There is no play about sanctity. It starts from where we are and what we are." Move deeper into the saint you were born to be.
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "They will be called children of God."

Monday, Nov 02, 2026
COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)
An end and a beginning
A few years ago, a church document had this to say about death: "Death, while starkly real and total, is the vehicle of that final offering of self which calls for the supreme act of faith in the Lord of Life." Yes, death is final; we will never know the dead in the way we knew them on Earth, and that is sad. Death also challenges us. Do we really believe it is not the end, a terrifying abyss? Or do we see it as rebirth to new life and entrance into the peace of spirit that awaits resurrection? On this day, pray for those who have died. Pray also for the faith to see in death the final passage into full union with Christ.
Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40 (668). "If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."

Tuesday, Nov 03, 2026
No excuses, please
Jesus tells the parable about the wealthy man who invites people to a great dinner, but the people reply with pathetic excuses that they had better things to do. Because we see the big picture, we know they are missing the boat—and the Kingdom. The same big-picture perspective applies when it comes to voting. Many people will have ready excuses for not voting, but those blessed with the long view of history know the negative consequences of a disengaged electorate. Our freedom is precious, but it can slip away if we don't guard it carefully. One of the first lines of defense is our vote. Though we are citizens of heaven, until we are welcomed there, we are called to play our part in working for peace and justice here on Earth. That includes participating in our civic life and thoughtfully choosing leaders who will serve the common good with honesty and integrity.
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24 (486). "'Come, everything is now ready.' But one by one, they all began to excuse themselves."

Wednesday, Nov 04, 2026
Best-laid plans
We've all had the experience of starting a project with great enthusiasm only to abandon it because we didn't think ahead about how much time or money it would cost to complete. Jesus gives us fair warning about the need to know what we're getting ourselves into as his disciples: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first estimate the cost?" (Luke 14:28). Still, even with all the planning in the world, we can never really know for sure what our discipleship is going to require of us. We can only be prepared to be surprised.
Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33 (487). "'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'"

Thursday, Nov 05, 2026
Join the search
"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone . . . ?" wrote singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell. Anyone who has lost their way in life, even for a short while, can relate. Scripture speaks of the rejoicing that goes on in heaven when such a life is turned around, when a lost soul is found. The world is filled with lost souls; what is needed is a larger supply of those willing to join the search party for the lost sheep or sweep for the lost coin. Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and join the effort? Someone out there will be most grateful.
Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10 (488). "'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'"

Friday, Nov 06, 2026
Master the art of making lemonade
In the short story "Greville Fane," author Henry James notes of his fictional character, the popular writer Mrs. Stormer, that "she had an unequalled gift, especially pen in hand, of squeezing big mistakes into small opportunities." Although Mrs. Stormer's story was fictional, we know all too well about making big mistakes in the nonfiction of our own lives. We can't avoid all mistakes, but we can learn from them and make amends for any harm caused. Like Mrs. Stormer, we can become gifted in our ability to squeeze big mistakes into small opportunities, the proverbial making lemonade out lemons. That takes practice and a willingness to admit both that we've fallen short and that we have the capacity to grow. What small opportunity might be waiting around the corner for you?
Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently."

Saturday, Nov 07, 2026
Whose commands do you follow?
It may be that in the gospels money is often connected to evil because of the ease with which people can accumulate and wield wealth at the expense of others. Yet material wealth can be put to good or bad ends. At one level how much or little you have is a matter of great importance: "I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty," Saint Paul tells the Philippians. At a deeper level, however, lies the question of how you value money. Does it control you? Do you make decisions based on how they will affect your bottom line? Or is God your master with your decisions guided by love and concern for establishing his reign on Earth?
Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15 (490). "You cannot serve God and mammon."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

EDJE ONLINE WORK DUE THIS WEEK

Grade 1	Ch. 7: A Time of Waiting & Assessment
Grade 2	Ch. 7: Obeying God Our Father & Assessment
Grade 3	Ch. 7: God's Laws of Love & Assessment
Grade 4	Ch. 6: Joseph Goes to Egypt & Assessment
Grade 5	Ch. 6: The Fall From Grace & Assessment
Grade 6	Ch. 6: The Day of the Lord & Assessment



IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

GRADES 7-12, FRIDAY EVENINGS

Youth Group is where faith meets real life! Students in grades 7–12 take what they've learned in Religious Education and put it into practice through games, service, conversations, challenges, and community. It's a place to build friendships, ask questions, grow in faith, and discover what it looks like to live out what we believe.

For more information, as well as the full Ignite calendar, please go to:
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"A joyful heart is good medicine..."
Proverbs 17:22





CHURCH & DIOCESAN EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

ST. JOSEPH PARISH APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Why? It's a way for us to celebrate and thank all of our wonderful parishioners and their families for all you do to support St. Joseph Church throughout the year.

When and where? Sunday, November 22, 12:00-2:00pm at the Candlewood Inn, 506 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield.

Who's invited? Our spiritual family. All St. Joseph parishioners and their immediate family/household members.

What else? There is no charge for the brunch. Reservations are not necessary; drop in any time between 12:00pm and 2:00pm.

UPCOMING PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

St. Joseph is having a Pre-Baptismal Class on 11/15 @ 12:30pm for new parents before they baptize their first child. Call the office at 203.775.1035 to sign up or for more details. The class meets in the Rectory Room.

Today, on the Solemnity of All Saints, we begin National Vocation Awareness Week—a special time to focus on vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, and to help young people listen for God's call.

This year we also celebrate the Year of St. Francis, whose life reminds us that holiness begins by listening to Christ and responding generously. Francis wrote, "Incline the ear of your heart and obey the voice of the Son of God." That invitation is meant for every Christian.

God calls each of us to holiness, but He leads us there along different paths: marriage, priesthood, religious life, the diaconate, or generous single life. Our vocation is more than what we *do*; it is the particular way God calls us to love, serve, and ultimately become saints.

During Vocation Awareness Week, ask the Lord to help you live your own vocation more faithfully—and encourage the young people in your life to ask a simple question with an open heart: "Lord, how are you calling me to become a saint?"

THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Scan the QR code to go to our online calendar of events.

MASS OF REMEMBERANCE NOVEMBER 6 @ 7:00 PM

The Mass is intended to remember family members who have died in the past year.

If you wish to have a loved one remembered at the Mass, please contact Rita in the Parish Office at 203-775-1035.

Invitations to the Mass have been mailed to the families of loved ones whose funerals were celebrated at St. Joseph over the course of the year.

SJC BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Coping with the loss of a loved one can weigh us down physically, emotionally and spiritually, but it is not a journey we need to walk alone.
St. Joseph's 8th Station Bereavement Ministry offers comfort and help during the grieving process.
This group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. The sessions are led by Mary Shaughnessy and Patricia Tharrington.

ST. JOSEPH Garden
MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

A PLACE FOR PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE

St. Joseph Church is developing plans for a Catholic Memorial Garden and Columbarium on parish grounds, near the church. This special space would provide our parish families with a dignified, sacred place for prayer, remembrance, and the inurnment of cremated remains.

We invite you to learn more about this new opportunity for St. Joseph families. Representatives will be available after Masses to answer questions, share information about the project, show renderings of the proposed layout and design, and provide a nonbinding household interest form.

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